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Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed May 15, 2001, which response is being made on or before June 15, 2001, and for which no extension fee is due.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, namely claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 27.

While not traversing the Restriction requirement, Applicant proposes that the Examiner consider possibly including claims 4, 14, 15, 16 and 28 into the elected Group I since it is believed that the piezooptic application (strain induced by radiation) should be examined along with the piezoelectric application (strain induced by voltage).

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to any one or more of the non-elected Groups.

Respectfully submitted,

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